

REMARKS

Claims 17-24 and 26-41 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 17-20 are amended, claim 25 is cancelled and new claims 26-41 are added. Support for the amendments is contained throughout the specification as filed. See, for example: page 17, lines 2-4. No new matter is added.

Claims 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102, second paragraph, for containing asserted informalities. Applicants believe that this rejection is overcome with amended claims 17-20.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300, **referencing attorney docket number 108910-00009**.

Respectfully submitted,



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